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DeMaio, Slater-Price Convene Senior Services Summit

Summit Helped Service Providers Identify and Implement Senior Communities Needs

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San Diego - Councilmember Carl DeMaio and Chairwoman of the Board of Supervisors Pam Slater-Price organized and launched the Senior Services Summit today at the Scripps Ranch Library.

Several members of senior organizations attended the event to find how they could increase coordination, provide higher quality services, identify critical needs and shortfalls for seniors in the community and share ideas as well as success stories.

Providers heard presentations from the San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency the Scripps Ranch Elder Care Alliance, RB United and ElderHelp of San Diego. The presentations were followed by a roundtable discussion.

"With an increasingly aging population, we must ensure that the Senior Community who plays such a vital role in our society has proper access to housing, medical and transportation needs" DeMaio said.

"I appreciate the opportunity for our County health experts to connect with service providers," said Chairwoman Slater-Price. "Our Aging and Independence Services Department offers second to none services to allow for healthy aging through public-private partnerships, such as in-home care, healthy meals and a wide variety of activities."

Several members of the community walked away from the summit with ideas on how to make their organizations more efficient in delivering their services. "The presentations and the networking opportunities at this event were fantastic." Valerie Brown of RB United said. "There were so many resources I wasn't aware of that my organization can utilize."

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